

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the receipt of the Notice of Allowance from the Examiner. In reviewing the claims, it was recognized that one important aspect of the subject invention relates to the tapered collimator 40 discussed in the specification at page 7, line 13. This collimator includes a tapered region 42 and a straight region 44 which carries the fiber Bragg reflector 46. This configuration was the subject of original dependent claims 7, 8 and 13. Upon review, it was noted that claim 13 improperly referred to "said" tapered region. Claim 13 has been corrected. In addition, applicants have added new dependent claims 23, 24 and 25 relating to this subject matter but dependent on the other independent claims. No new matter has been added. Since the new claims depend on allowed claims, no further search would be required. Applicants respectfully request that this amendment be entered.

Respectfully submitted,

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